

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ETOWAH COUNTY
OCTOBER 6, 2026**

Commission President Jeffery Washington called the meeting to order on the 6th day of October, 2026 at 9:00 am and Shane Ellison, CAO, asked the Prayer and led the Pledge to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH A QUORUM: The following 6 out of 6 Commission members were at the meeting and accordingly a quorum was present:

District 1 – Mike Powell
District 2 – Johnny Grant
District 3 – Jamie Grant

District 4 – Tim Ramsey
District 5 – Jeffery Washington
District 6 – Craig Inzer Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Richard Rybka gave an update on Coosa Riverkeepers and recap of water sampling and swim guides from this past summer.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, presented Alexis Bonds a certificate of service for 5 years.

Proclamation honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc Lamda Eta Omega Chapter

Meridian Waste will have open top containers at four locations between 7:00am and 12:00 pm for residential cleanup of household trash on **Saturday, November 7, 2026**. They do **not** accept tires, batteries, appliances or hazardous waste.

Locations of Containers:

Leeth Gap and Sardis Road – Across from Old County Shop
Intersection of Hwy 278 and Hwy 132
Whorton Bend Volunteer Fire Department
Gaston High School at Hwy 411 North

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To recess in order to have a Work Session at 9:19 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To call the Etowah County Commission Meeting back to order at 9:31 am.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Upon a motion of Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

CONSENT AGENDA:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following items on the Consent Agenda were approved as presented:

CONSENT AGENDA: All items designated as “Consent” are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will be permitted unless a commissioner so requests. If so, such item(s) will revert to New Business.

- A. That the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated September 15, 2026 of the Etowah County Commission be, and the same are hereby, approved as written.
- B. The proposed Agenda for October 6, 2026.

- C. The reported financial transactions for September 2026, including Credit Card Purchases, Cash Disbursements, Online Transfers, and Wire Transfers. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-079.
- D. To approve the request of Jonathon Horton, Sheriff, to grant approval for Sidney Fitts, Detention Deputy in the Office of the Sheriff to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.
- E. To approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, to grant approval for Denice Samples, Human Resources Coordinator, to receive PTO leave donations. This employee has met the eligibility requirements under the program guidelines.
- F. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to transfer Savannah Pritchett to Revenue Tag/Title Clerk / Real Property Clerk Floater, effective October 6, 2026. This is a transfer and replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$13.57.
- G. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to hire Titavis Jackson as Assessing Clerk, effective October 6, 2026. This is a transfer and replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Revenue, at an hourly rate of \$15.36.
- H. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Jonathan Garrard as Equipment Operator, effective October 12, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.54.
- I. To approve the request of Robert Nail, County Engineer, to hire Andrew Yates as Equipment Operator, effective October 12, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the Gas Tax Fund, at an hourly rate of \$16.54.
- J. To approve the request of Shane Ellison, CAO, to hire Kellie Gladden as Director – Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, effective October 7, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the RSVP Fund, at an annual salary of \$58,000.
- K. To approve the request of Scottie Hardy, Maintenance Director, to promote Zackery Ray Taylor to Communications Maintenance Technician, effective October 7, 2026. This is a new position and promotion to be paid from the General Fund - Maintenance, at an hourly rate of \$20.15.
- L. To approve the request of Scottie Hardy, Maintenance Director, to promote Regina Diane Adkison to Maintenance Coordinator, effective October 7, 2026. This is a promotion and replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Maintenance, at an hourly rate of \$16.13.
- M. To approve the request of Spencer Gray, Facilities Supervisor, to hire Hannah Bullard as Building Service Worker, effective October 5, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Maintenance, at an hourly rate of \$12.00
- N. To approve the request of Kevin Hassell, DEU Commander, to promote Andrew Works to DEU Agent, effective October 5, 2026. This is a promotion and replacement to be paid from the DEU Fund, at an hourly rate of \$21.70.
- O. To place the name of Hunter Doss in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Sergeant (Patrol), effective October 5, 2026. This is a promotion and replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$19.67.
- P. To place the name of Miranda Gaskin in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Accounting Technician, effective September 21, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$14.62.
- Q. To place the name of Jamie Rowan in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Sergeant (Logistics), effective October 5, 2026. This is a promotion and replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$21.70.
- R. To place the name of Hunter Chadwick in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff, effective October 12, 2026. This is a replacement to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- S. To place the name of Allan Ragan in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Deputy Sheriff – Part Time, effective October 5, 2026. This is a new position to be paid from the General Fund – Sheriff’s Office, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.
- T. To place the following names in the Sheriff’s Office job slot of Detention Deputy, effective September 21, 2026. These are replacements to be paid from the General Fund – Jail, at an hourly rate of \$15.36:
- Samone Taylor
 - Isiah Boatwright
 - Tamiko Tolliver
 - Ja’Kyra Edmondson
 - Chase Garris
 - Gregorio Antonio
- U. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to designate all SAFE Program banks in Etowah County as eligible to be the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner’s Office of Tags and Titles for the year beginning October 1, 2026. This also includes the satellite offices located in Hokes Bluff, Rainbow City, and Sardis.
- V. To approve the request of Becky Nordgren, Revenue Commissioner, to designate all SAFE Program banks in Etowah County as eligible to be the depository for the operating funds of the Revenue Commissioner’s Office

for Collections beginning October 1, 2026. This includes the collections of all real and business personal property, mobile homes, and redemptions.

- W. To designate River Bank and Trust of Gadsden as the depository for the operating funds of the Probate Office for the year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027.
- X. To approve all SAFE Program Banks in Etowah County as eligible to be designated as a county depository for the next calendar year.
- Y. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments, effective September 30, 2026.

General Fund	
Revenue	
Increase	
001.40000.43101-710 Additional County P/L	\$ 5,795
001.40000.44165-023 Certificate of Formation Fees	\$ 3,450
001.40000.45286-710 Motor Vehicle Late Reg Fees	\$ 2,250
001.40000.45287-710 MV Suspended Registration Fees	\$ 5,550
001.40000.47380-710 Sale of Equipment/Scrap	\$ 1,500
Decrease	
001.40000.47905-000 Insurance Claims	\$18,545

- Z. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments, effective September 30, 2026.

Capital Improvement Fund	
Judicial Building	
Expenditures	
Increase	
116.51998-231 Repairs and Maintenance –	
Buildings, Land and Improvements	\$150,376
Fund Balance	
Decrease	
116.35900 Fund Balance	\$150,376

- AA. To approve the request of Kevin Dollar, Deputy Administrator/CFO, to make the following budget amendments.

Capital Improvement Fund	
Judicial Building	
Expenditures	
Decrease	
116.51998-231 Repairs and Maintenance	
Building, Land and Improvements	\$150,376
Fund Balance	
Increase	
116.35900 Fund Balance	\$150,376

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon a motion of Commissioner Inzer, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present voting “yea”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To have the final reading and approval to reappoint Tony Smith to the Etowah County Personnel Board. This term will expire on September 30, 2027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Ramsey, seconded by Commissioner Jamie Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:
To have the first reading to reappoint Kenny Coffman to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Board of Directors. This will be a two-year term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Johnny Grant, with all other members present voting “yes”, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ETOWAH COUNTY COMMISSION: That the following item was approved:

To approve the one-year Computer Software Support Agreement with Delta Computer Systems, for the Business Licensing System. A copy of this document is in attachment book 16, page 16-080.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

Chief Administrative Officer
County Engineer
County Attorney
Other

DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS:

The Commission thanked Mrs. Talton for joining us today and the continued partnership and recognizing the ladies with AKA for their extensive involvement in our local schools and aftercare program helping children. Commissioner Ramsey thanked the Coosa Riverkeepers for the work on our local waterways.
The Commission also took a moment to honor the memory of Judge Junkins, remembering him as a warm, personable, and grateful public servant who will be deeply missed.

ADJOURN: The Chair then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion from Commissioner Jamie Grant, seconded by Commissioner Powell, with all other members present voting “yes”, the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.

_____ Mike Powell, Commissioner, District 1	_____ Tim Ramsey, Commissioner, District 4
_____ Johnny Grant, Commissioner, District 2	_____ Jeffery Washington, President, Commissioner, District 5
_____ Jamie Grant, Commissioner, District 3	_____ Craig Inzer, Jr., Commissioner, District 6